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### Rep. Tymniak Reminds Residents of Sales Tax Holiday



State Rep. Cathy C. Tymniak, R-133 today urged homeowners to take advantage of a new state law that exempts energy saving and weatherization products from the state's six percent sales tax.

Rep. Tymniak noted that weatherization products save energy in the summer during air conditioning season as well as during the winter home heating season.

The legislature this year exempted home energy conservation and weatherization products from the Connecticut sales tax from **June 1, 2006, to June 30, 2007**. This sales tax holiday had expired in April, but the legislature reinstated it.

Rep. Tymniak said, "Right now, homeowners can take steps to save energy and reduce cooling and heating costs by purchasing certain weatherization products without paying the sales tax."

These products are:

- Programmable thermostats;
- Window film;
- Caulking of a type marketed for preventing drafts, such as window and door caulking;
- Window and door weather strips, including door sweeps;
- Insulation, for example attic and wall insulation, spray foam insulation, water pipe insulation, heating duct insulation, and switch and outlet insulators;
- Water heater blankets;
- Water heaters;
- Boilers. Only sales of boilers that meet the federal Energy Star standard qualify for the exclusion (Energy Star qualified boilers have an annual fuel utilization efficiency (AFUE) rating of 85% or greater.);
- Natural gas furnaces that meet the federal Energy Star standard;
- Propane furnaces that meet the federal Energy Star standard;
- Windows that meet the federal Energy Star standard (Note that storm windows do not have an Energy Star standard and are not included in this tax exclusion.);
- Doors that meet the federal Energy Star standard (Note that storm doors do not have an Energy Star standard and are not included in this tax exclusion.);

- Oil furnaces that are not less than 85% efficient based on the AFUE rating;
- Ground-based heat pumps that meet the minimum federal energy efficiency rating.

“As families pay electricity bills for air conditioning and prepare for the home heating season,” Rep. Tymniak noted, “these are some savings that are available and I hope consumers can make the most of them.”

Rep. Tymniak serves the 133rd Assembly District of Fairfield and Westport in the state House of Representatives.